

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 456 – SB 948

March 21, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Human Services (the Department) to request that the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate the use of photo identification for continued eligibility in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) administered in Tennessee. Within six months of approval by HHS, the Department is required to issue a photo identification card to each eligible household with a photo of the designated caretaker relative as proof of eligibility. Upon request, the caretaker relative is required to present the photo identification card at issuance points, retail stores or services when exchanging benefits for eligible items.

The Department is also required to request that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) mandate the use of photo identification for continued eligibility in the food stamp program administered in Tennessee. Within six months of approval by FNS, the Department is required to issue a photo identification card to each eligible house with a picture of whomever is designated as head of household as proof of eligibility. "Head of household" is defined as the individual providing the primary support and maintenance for a family. Upon request, the head of household is required to present the photo identification card at issuance points, retail food stores, or meal services when exchanging benefits for eligible food.

The Department is required to promulgate rules for the use of photo identification cards for both TANF and food stamp benefits. The rules must include whether the Department will issue separate photo identification cards to other eligible household members or list such additional persons on the photo identification card issued to the caretaker relative. All rules must be promulgated in accordance with Title 4, Chapter 5. The proposed legislation states that it must be interpreted to be consistent with federal law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,595,900/One-Time

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$1,595,900/One-Time

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004975): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Commissioner of Human Services to study issues related to the issuance of a photo identification card to each eligible household in the food stamp and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs within existing resources. The study must identify the benefits and practical implementation concerns associated with requiring the issuance and use of such identification. The Commissioner must submit the report to the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate on or before January 15, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

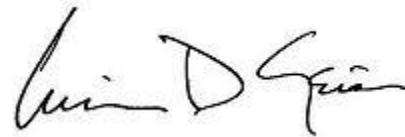
NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The Department of Human Services can study the issue of photo identification cards within the existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion. The fiscal impact of the bill on the Department will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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